

# **MINUTES**

## **INDIANA BOARD OF FIREFIGHTING PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION**

**AUGUST 7, 2006**

**10 AM  
WAYNE TWP FD  
700 S. HIGH SCHOOL RD  
INDIANAPOLIS IN**

**A. BOARD MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.**

10AM

**B. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Patrick Donoghue (out at 12:25pm)  
Darrick Scott  
Paul Covington  
Jack Kerney  
Charles Hall  
Joseph Wainscott  
Roger Johnson

ABSENT

Tom Hanify  
Jerry Nulliner

**C. MINUTES FROM JUNE 2006 AND STATISTICAL REPORT FROM JUNE 2006.**

Paul Covington made a motion to pass. Jack Kerney seconded. Motion passed.

**D. VARIANCE REQUESTS**

1. Steve Stackhouse and
2. Patrick O'Neill from Kokomo FD, are requesting variances for Wilderness Rescue Awareness, 655 IAC 1-2.1-108 and Wilderness Rescue Operations, 655 IAC 1-2.1-109, based on training with the IDHS ground search course and action training NFPA 1670 program,

Staff has no recommendation.

Paul Covington made a motion to pass Steve Stackhouse. Charles Hall seconded. Motion passed. Paul Covington made a motion to table Patrick O'Neill pending Rope Rescue information. Charles Hall seconded. Motion passed.

3. Anthony Knight is requesting the following variances;

Rope Rescue Awareness	655 IAC 1-2.1-75
Rope Rescue Operations	655 IAC 1-2.1-96
Rope Rescue Technician	655 IAC 1-2.1-97
Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Awareness	655 IAC 1-2.1-75.2
Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Operations	655 IAC 1-2.1-98
Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Technician	655 IAC 1-2.1-99
Confined Space Rescue Awareness	655 IAC 1-2.1-75.3
Confined Space Rescue Operations	655 IAC 1-2.1-100
Confined Space Rescue Technician	655 IAC 1-2.1-101
Structural Collapse Rescue Awareness	655 IAC 1-2.1-75.4
Structural Collapse Rescue Operations	655 IAC 1-2.1-102
Structural Collapse Rescue Technician	655 IAC 1-2.1-103
Trench Rescue Awareness	655 IAC 1-2.1-75.5
Trench Rescue Operations	655 IAC 1-2.1-104
Trench Rescue Technician	655 IAC 1-2.1-105

Swift Water Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.6  
Swift Water Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-106  
Swift Water Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.-1-107

Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics 655 IAC 1-2.1-7.1

Staff has no recommendation for rescue tech and request denial on Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics. Written/practical testing in place.

Paul Covington made a motion to approve the Rescue requests based on certifications and record of continued education hours submitted to the board. Paul Covington requests denial on Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics due to written/practical in place. Motion was seconded by Darrick Scott. Motion passed.

4. Kurtis Reed is requesting variances for the following:

Confined Space Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.3  
Confined Space Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-100  
Confined Space Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-101

Based on training at the Kokomo FD, course information submitted previously to the board.

Staff has no recommendation.

Paul Covington made a motion to approve to operations level only. Deny the technician level due to insufficient information. Charles Hall seconded. Motion passed.

5. Ronald Brentlinger, Harris Twp FD, is requesting variances for the following based on documentation provide to the board.

Confined Space Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.3  
Confined Space Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-100  
Confined Space Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-101

Rope Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75

Rope Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-96  
Rope Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-97

Structural Collapse Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.4  
Structural Collapse Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-102  
Structural Collapse Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-103

Trench Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.5  
Trench Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-104  
Trench Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-105

Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.2  
Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-98  
Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-99

He originally submitted in May, and was denied based on lack of continued training hours.

Staff has no recommendation.

Darrick Scott made a motion to deny. Based on no documentation of rope rescue classes, and continued education does not meet the requirements. Paul Covington seconded. Motion passed.

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| 6. James Hannum                                    | 7. Michael Pennington |
| 8. Thomas Montgomery                               | 9. Ralph Johns        |
| 10. Richard Strawn                                 | 11. Randy Wiseman     |
| 12. Christopher Scudder (not 1 <sup>st</sup> resp) | 13. Jason Lewis       |
| 14. Ronald Olsen                                   | 15. Richard Padgett   |
| 16. Lewis Pruett                                   | 17. Michael Crane     |
| 18. Paul Gillispie                                 | 19. Michael Malone    |
| 20. James Arthur                                   | 21. Brandon Couch     |
| 22. Cory VanMeter                                  |                       |

Are applying for variance for:

Rope Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75

Rope Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-96  
Rope Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-97

Based on the enclosed training.

Staff has no recommendation.

Paul Covington made a motion to deny based on the lack of information in the course syllabus and outline to warrant the skills. No information on the Instructor qualifications to teach this course. Darrick Scott seconded. Motion passed.

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23. Michael LeRoy  
25. John Kerr III

24. David Crockett

Are requesting variances for Rope Rescue Awareness only. 655 IAC 1-2.1-75, based on the above training.

Staff has no recommendation.

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Paul Covington made a motion to deny based on the lack of information in the course syllabus and outline to warrant the skills. No information on the Instructor qualifications to teach this course. Darrick Scott seconded. Motion passed.

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26. Tom Granson	27. Phil Delvecchio
28. Scott Ryckmon	29. Craig Louks
30. Dan Guffey	31. Tim Grams
32. Pat Fleming	33. Eric Kern
34. Pat Renshaw	35. Nichole Nolder
36. Chris O'Neill	37. Dan Wilson
38. Michael Westbrook	39. Jeremy Comeralla
40. Dave Kinney	41. Jason Eller
42. Jeff Cooper	43. Jeff Harvey
44. Chuck Sosbe	45. Don Smith
46. Chris Pickering	47. Adam Shaffer
48. Jason Burger	49. Rick Daily

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| 50. John Renshaw     | 51. Jeremy Shaw    |
| 52. John Haynes      | 53. Mike Cook      |
| 54. Mark Mannion     | 55. Brian Coon     |
| 56. Scott Calhoun    | 57. John Carver    |
| 58. Michael Harrison | 59. Derek Tuggle   |
| 60. Robin Hendrix    | 61. Jason Braden   |
| 62. Tom Abney        | 63. Kevin Cox      |
| 64. Randy Wilson     | 65. Steve Barnett  |
| 66. Scott Schmidt    | 67. Matt Sewell    |
| 68. Tim Lowe         | 69. Dave King      |
| 70. Ron Eldridge     | 71. Mike Mckibben  |
| 72. Scott McKay      | 73. Chris Linville |
| 74. Ray Fitzgerald   | 75. Mike Coalburn  |
| 76. Mike Barrett     | 77. Phil Lacaille  |
| 78. Kevin Shaffer    | 79. Dave Lewis     |
| 80. Scott Titus      | 81. Robert Leonard |
| 82. Patrick Fleming  |                    |

Are requesting variances for Rope Rescue Awareness, 655 IAC 1-2.1-75 and Rope Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-96 based on Rescue 3 International Training Program. (all have active EMS certification)  
Staff has no recommendation.

Darrick Scott made a motion to deny until we review the class syllabus. Charles Hall seconded. Motion passed.

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| 83. Nichole Nolder  | 84. Jeremy Comeralla |
| 85. Phil Delvecchio | 86. Craig Louks      |
| 87. Dan Guffey      | 88. Glenda Norfleet  |
| 89. Jason Burger    | 90. Jason Eller      |
| 91. Chris Pickering | 92. Dan Sargent      |
| 93. Robert Elkins   | 94. Jim Schaeffer    |
| 95. Chris Linville  | 96. Jeff Cooper      |
| 97. Jeremy Shaw     | 98. Robert Gammons   |
| 99. John Haynes     | 100. Derek Tuggle    |
| 101. Steve Barnett  | 102. Kevin Witt      |
| 103. Ryan Herrell   | 104. Nick Headrick   |
| 105. Frank Kemper   | 106. Jeff Harvey     |
| 107. Dan Wilson     | 108. Adam Shaffer    |

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| 109. Aaron Ashburn | 110. Rick Dockerty  |
| 111. Kevin Cox     | 112. Brett Leicht   |
| 113. Ryan Smalley  | 114. Clayton Duncan |
| 115. Rob Eldridge  | 116. Scott Titus    |
| 117. Dave King     | 118. Kevin Shaffer  |
| 119. Scott McKay   | 120. Mike Barrett   |
| 121. Jason Braden  | 122. Ray Fitzgerald |
| 123. Scott Schmidt | 124. Chris Hall     |
| 125. Robin Hendrix | 126. Phil LaCaillie |
| 127. Tom Abney     | 128. Jeff Cardwell  |

Are requesting variances for Confined Space Awareness, 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.3 and Confined Space Operations, 655 IAC 1-2.1-100 based on the Michigan USAR program (submitted previously to the board)  
All have Vehicle/Machinery Tech.

Staff has no recommendation

Darrick Scott made a motion to table until review of the syllabus. Paul Covington seconded. Motion passed.  
#85;92;93;102;105;106;107;110; Darrick Scott made a motion to deny based on lack of prerequisite and review of the syllabus and practical skills. We also need to see certification for Hazmat. Paul Covington seconded. Motion passed.

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| 129. Charles Wilson II | 130. Scott Bailey |
| 131. Diane Piroli      |                   |

Are requesting Rope Rescue Awareness, 655 IAC 1-2.1-75; and Swift Water Rescue Awareness, 655 IAC 1-2.1-76.1, based on the training enclosed.

Staff has no recommendation

Darrick Scott made a motion to pass. Paul Covington seconded.  
Motion passed.

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132. Scott Hunt is requesting a variance for Hazmat Operations, 655 IAC 1-2.1-24.1, and Hazmat Technician, 655 IAC 1-2.1.24.2, based on attached training certifications.

Staff recommends denial. We have written/practical testing in place.

Paul Covington made a motion to deny based on written/practical in place. Darrick Scott seconded. Motion passed.

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133. Scot Hunt is requesting variances for Hazmat-Incident Command, 655 IAC 1-2.1-24.3, and Instructor Swift Water Rescue, 655 IAC 1-2.1-19.1 based on certifications enclosed.

Staff has no recommendation.

Darrick Scott made a motion to deny based on lack of certification on Swift Water training rescue course and proof of prerequisite. Paul Covington seconded. Motion passed.

134. Glenda Norfleet                      135. Jeff Cardwell

Are requesting variances for Trench Awareness, 655 IAC 1-2.1-108 and Trench Operations, 655 IAC 1-2.1-104, based on enclosed documentation.

Staff has no recommendation.

Darrick Scott made a motion to table until syllabus or outline is submitted. Instructor signature missing on certification. Charles Hall seconded. Motion pass.

136. Keith Rinehart is requesting the following variances based on enclosed documentation.

Confined Space Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.3  
Confined Space Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-100  
Confined Space Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-101  
Rope Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75  
Rope Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-96



Rope Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-97  
Structural Collapse Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.4  
Structural Collapse Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-102  
Structural Collapse Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-103  
Trench Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.5  
Trench Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-104  
Trench Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-105  
Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.2  
Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-98  
Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-99  
Swift Water Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.6  
Swift Water Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-106  
Swift Water Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.-1-107

Staff has no recommendation.

Paul Covington made a motion to approve. Darrick Scott seconded. Motion passed.

137. Jerry Titus us requesting variances for:

Confined Space Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.3  
Confined Space Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-100  
Confined Space Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-101

Based on training through Progressive Solutions, ( program previously submitted)

Darrick Scott made a motion to deny based on lack of continued education and age of certifications. Paul Covington seconded. Motion passed.

Staff has no recommendation.

E. RECIPROCITY

None at this time.

F. STATE FIRE MARSHAL REPORT

On August 9<sup>th</sup> Governor Daniels will be Auburn Indiana to the grand opening of the states first training facility. This goes to his commitment to training. This shows how, when we work together, we can get things done. Special thanks to all of those that helped get this done. On a side note, the Governor will be spending the night at the Auburn FD, and responding to calls with them. He will not be fighting the fires, just responding with them. By this time next week the facility will be up and running.

G. HOMELAND SECURITY TRIANING DIVISION REPORT-DIRECTOR JOSEPH WAINSCOTT

- \* Mandatory distribution of the program has begun.

Floor turned over to John Buckman at this time.  
Copies of the program distributed to the board.

- You will know by this program that all will have the same training.
- All of the basic training is covered in this program with the exception of CPR
- This mandatory program is about 40 hours long.
- The test will be to this curriculum.
- The student manual will be available upon request  
We want you to reuse these manuals.
- Skills will still have to be completed  
prior to written test.

This is your training funds paying for this so please be reasonable when requesting these. All printed material is on the CD that is going with the books. Keep this in mind when using this.

We are also putting together a program for the Instructor's. The rules, forms, how to fill out the forms, all of this will be in this program.

The Board was suspended at this time for Ethics training.  
(11:15 AM)

The Board reconvened at 11:50 AM

Continue: Joe Wainscott, Training Dir.

- \* We have instituted a customer survey that goes out with the tests. The office meets once a week to address issues, both good and bad.
- \* On the survey for the student, we are asking about the lead instructor rating.
- \* Book review committee, and certification committee meets on August 17, here at Wayne Twp. Everyone is welcome. We are looking at putting a recommendation to the board in September.
- \* The rescue committee has been doing a lot of work and it's meeting every week now. Should be done with the Structural Collapse and Swift Water by the end of the month.
- \* Last month we had an investigation of Jim Foster. We have done more investigation. It appeared that Jim Foster taught, proctored, and evaluated the Investor class. Documentation shows that he forged another signature as lead evaluator on documentation.

Paul Covington made a motion to revoke Mr. Foster's Instructor certification for a period of 3 years. Darrick Scott seconded.

- Concern was voiced about possibly an innocent mistake.

The Lead evaluator on the form, states that he did not sign any of the forms.

After a 3 year period, he will have to take a written/practical exam starting with Instructor 1 again. This will also affect his Fire Officer certifications, because he will not be eligible due to prerequisite for Fire Officer certification. Concern was also voiced about the possibility of job loss due to loss of these certifications. This is something Mr. Foster will be able to voice in an appeal if he so wishes.

Marshal Johnson states that he does not believe the offense fits severity of the punishment.

The concern is that Jim Foster make a mistake by forging the signature, but he compounded the offense when during the investigation he lied about it.

A vote was called for at this time.

Five (5) votes for; two (2) against. Motion passed. Jim Foster's Instructor certification is revoked for 3 years, and all other certifications affected by this. He will need to take the written/practical testing in 3 years starting with Instructor 1. He does have the right to appeal this decision.

H. REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATION DIVISION-  
SECTION CHIEF TONY PAGANO

No report at this time.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS- ADMINISTRATIVE  
JUDGE, JUDGE TEEGARDEN.

No report at this time.

J. OLD BUSINESS

1. Mara Snyder – status of Board request from AG, pertaining to the reading of variance requests from the printed agenda.

She is still getting the same opinion. She will draft a letter for the board to send.

K. NEW BUSINESS

1. Indiana Firefighter Taskforce Report – Randy Brown

The request has been made to update the minimum standards to Firefighter 1. Some of the missing items were added to the Mandatory curriculum. We need to know what you want us to do.

\* Some of the smaller departments have all they can do to train to the minimum standards now.

The comment has been made to put this at a more publicize meeting. Maybe in September at Attabury.

- Concern has been voiced about Firefighter deaths due lack of training.
- Mandatory training does not meet anyone's standards.
- Increasing the level of training should be done but phase it in over a 3 year period.
- There are a number of components of Firefighter 1 in the mandatory training modules.
- When a Firefighter ½ course is being taught, allow that to be there mandatory training. Allow them to get certification on this course for Mandatory. There are to many tests involved to get to Firefighter 2 level.
- This would require a statutory change. In order to waive the mandatory takes legislature.
- Funding is a priority for this type of training. The first thing to do is find the funding.
- Talk to your Senator's and get backing for this.

To get this change, people need to lobby, write, talk to, legislature's to get this change. The board cannot do it. This takes legislature. Task force needs to stay together; stay focused, and draft a summery or guidelines for the Fire Chief's to let them know the liability they face

## 2. Age requirement for firefighters.

Legal counsel advises that if you certify under 18, you are certifying children. The liability issue is there. This has been tabled until we have a full board. Insurance issues must be considered.

## 3. Ethics training (11 AM)

Meeting adjourned at 1 PM.

L. MEETING ADJOURNED

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 18  
10 AM

CAMP ATTABURY  
EDINBURGH IN